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1. Polish ships for the Poland-China service are always loaded in the Free Harbor of the port of Gdynia, and are always loaded to capacity. Shipments consist mainly of blocks of pig iron, machine parts for heavy industry, workshop equipment, machine tools, grinding machines, iron pipes of various dimensions, dry foodstuffs such as groats and flour, and textiles.* The voyage takes approximately four months.
2. Unloading of vessels returned from China takes place at any of the docks where space is available. The cargoes never exceed 3,000 tons, including some goods picked up en route. Each vessel docks at Gdynia from one to two weeks.

Comment: Some time ago during unloading operations a heavy chest fell from a net and broke open. The contents were new ammunition belts for heavy machine guns.

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